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SUBJECT: WORMSER-ABRASIMOV LUNCHEON, APRIL 4

1. FRENCH MISSION HAS PASSED TO US FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF CONVERSATION AT LUNCHEON AMBASSADOR WORMSER HOSTED FOR SOVIET AMBASSADOR ABRASIMOV APRIL 4, AT WHICH MINISTER-COUNSELOR GROMYKO AND COUNSELOR KHOTULEV WERE ALSO PRESENT ON SOVIET SIDE.

2. ATMOSPHERE OF GATHERING WAS CORDIAL UNTIL AFTER-LUNCHEON CONVERSATION, WHEN ABRASIMOV ADOPTED RATHER AGGRESSIVE AND EVEN UNPLEASANT POSTURE IN INSISTING THAT ALLIES PARTICIPATE IN (MAY 8) TIERGARTEN CEREMONIES AND IN HIS COMPLAINTS CONCERNING PURPORTED VIOLATIONS OF Q. AMONG SUBJECTS FOR COMPLAINT, PUT FORWARD WITHOUT MUCH ORIGINALITY, WERE: (A) FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY; (B) EC VOCATIONAL CENTER; (C) PROJECT, WHICH  
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FRENCH WERE UNABLE TO IDENTIFY MORE SPECIFICALLY, FOR

ESTABLISHING IN BERLIN AGENCY DESIGNED TO PROMOTE EAST-WEST COMMERCIAL CONTACTS (SOVIETS LET IT BE KNOWN RIGHT AWAY THAT NO EASTERN EUROPEAN NATION WOULD HAVE CONTACTS WITH THIS AGENCY); AND (D) LORENZ AFFAIR, SPECIFICALLY SENDING OF FEDERAL POLICE AND FEDERAL PROSECUTOR AND PARTICIPATION OF FEDERAL MINISTRIES OF INTERIOR AND JUSTICE. ABRASIMOV CONCLUDED BY INFORMING FRENCH SIDE THAT SOVIET PROTEST NOTE ON ALL THE VIOLATIONS OF QA WAS TO HAVE BEEN DELIVERED TO THREE ALLIES IN CAPITALS APRIL 3. (SIC)

3. WITH REGARD TO OBSERVANCE OF THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF VE DAY, AMBASSADOR WORMSER CONFINED HIMSELF TO SAYING THAT RESPONSE HAD ALREADY BEEN GIVEN AMBASSADOR YEFREMOV. USUAL REPLIES WERE GIVEN TO SOVIET COMPLAINTS OF VIOLATIONS OF QA.

4. AT CLOSE OF CONVERSATION ABRASIMOV CHARGED AGAIN THAT ALLIES PERMITTED QA TO BE VIOLATED WHILE SOVIET UNION RESPECTED IT SCRUPULOUSLY. AMBASSADOR WORMSER FOUND IT NECESSARY TO INTERRUPT TO ENLIGHTEN HIM AND TO INFORM HIS THAT ALLIES ALSO HAD COMPLAINTS, E.&., REPEATED SOVIET EFFORTS AT UN TO CALL STATUS OF BERLIN INTO QUESTION BEFORE UNCONCERNED THEIR STATES, AND INFRINGEMENT OF DEMILITARIZATION LEGISLATION IN SOVIET SECTOR OF BERLIN. ABRASIMOV OF COURSE REPLIED THERE WAS NO LONGER A SOVIET SECTOR, HE WAS AMBASSADOR IN GDR CAPITAL, AND WESTERN ALLIES WERE OBLIGED BY QA TO SEE TO IT THAT GERMAN ADMINISTRATION IN THEIR SECTORS OBSERVED ALL PROVISIONS OF AGREEMENT, JUST AS SOVIET UNION FOR ITS PART WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR SEEING THAT IT WAS RESPECTED. SOVIETS COULD TAKE STEPS TO THIS END, BUT THIS WOULD NOT BE PLEASANT AND THEY WOULD PREFER THAT WESTERN ALLIES THEMSELVES DO WHAT WAS NECESSARY TO PREVENT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FROM INTERFERING IN BERLIN MATTERS.

5. ABRASIMOV EXTENDED INVITATION TO AMBASSADOR WORMSER AND HIS ASSOCIATES TO LUNCH WITH HIM ON NEXT OCCASION. IN MEANTIME, KHOTULEV, AND IF NECESSARY GROMYKO, WOULD  
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BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING CONTACTS.

6. AT LUNCH APRIL 7, FRENCH MINISTER KOENIG BRIEFED ALLIED MINISTERS ABOUT LUNCHEON. HE REPEATED THAT ABRASIMOV HAD BEEN ABRASIVE, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO TIERGARTEN CEREMONY WHEN HE ASKED WORMSER IF HE TOOK HIS ORDERS FROM THE FRG. (WORMSER REPLIED THAT HE TOOK HIS ORDERS FROM PARIS.) RE PROJECT MENTIONED

2(C) ABOVE, THIS IS PRESUMABLY EAST-WEST TRADE CENTER  
IDEA SUGGESTED BY CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT IN VISIT  
TO BERLIN COUPLE MONTHS AGO. GEORGE

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